Laying of Sewerlines in Laxmi Nagar Delhi,

1034. SHRI CHATURANAN MISH-RA: Will the Minister of URBAN DE-VELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to lay sewer lines in Laxmi Nagar, Shakarpur and other colonies of trans-Jamuna area; and

(b) whether work regarding laying of sewer lines has begun and completed in any of these colonies in Trans-Jamuna area;

(c) by when the work would begin and the estimates prepared for each colony?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Work has begun in Dayanand Block and Nanak Pura.

(c) The Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Under taking has reported that estimates have already been prepared for providing sewer in 9 more colonies in Shakarpur area and 21 colonies in Laxmi Nagar complex. The commencement of the work of laying sewer will follow the sanction of the estimates and calling and finalisation of tenders for which no time frame can be indicated.

Refund to villagers in Punjab

1035. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether no refund has been made to the villagers who had hired bulldozers from Government at the rate of Rs. 270|- per hour for removing sand from their fields in village Badla-Harta of Hoshiarpur District of Punjab;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for immediate disbursement of Payment and by when these payments are to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHAND BHAI SHAH); (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Procurement of Cyclone affected paddy in Orissa

1036. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India have relaxed the norms for procurement of cyclone affected paddy in Orissa, if so, the quantity procured under the relaxed norms, district-wise;

(b) whether some damaged paddy is still lying with the growers; if so, the reasons for not making the purchase of the same by the F. C. I.; and

(c) how much Central assistance has so far been provided to Orissa State and quantum of assistance demanded by that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN); (a) and (b) No, Sir, as no specific request from the State Gov-ernment of Orissa indicating required details, such as, nature of relaxations required in the specifications, extent and nature of damage to paddy crop by the cyclone, district-wise details of the quantity involved as also their consent to consume rice to be obtain ed out of the affected paddy within the State has so far been received by Central Department of Food.

(c) The Governmnt of Orissa has sought assistance of Rs. 267. 75 crores for relief operations in the cyclonef" flood affected areas of the State. In accordance with the revised scheme of financing the relief expenditure for natural calamities effective from 1-4-1990, an amount of Rs. 35. 25

crore has so far been released as Central Government's full 75 per cent contribution for the year 1990-91 towards State calamity Relief Fund of Rs. 47 crores.

Edible oils stock

1037. SHRI RAMDAs AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item under the caption 'Edible Oil Stocks running low' which appeared in 'The Hindustan Times' of the 18th December, 1990;

(b) if so, what is at present stock position of edible oils available in the country and whether Government would be able to continue supplies of oil to Public Distribution System or it is likely to be curtailed; and

(c) what quantity of edible oils was imported during 1989 and upto 30th November, 1990 during the current year separately and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not possible to give the accurate estimates of edible oil stocks in the country i. e. with trade as well as Government Agencies. The allocation of imported edible oils under PDS is made on a month to month basis keeping in view the reasonable demand of the States UTs, quantum authorised for imports etc- The allocation of imported edibflle oils under PDS is meant to supplement the availability of indigenous edible oils in the open market and not to meet the entire demand of the States|UTs.

(c) 3. 66 lakh MTS of edible oils was imported during 1989 and 5. 64 lakh MTs was imported during 1990 (upto 30th November, 1990). The quantity of edible oils imported largely depends upon the availability of indigenous edible oils and foreign exchange position.

Collaboration with foreign companies for the development of I. T. D. C. 's Hotels

1038. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: ' Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to collaborate with some foreign hotel companies for the development of I. T. D. C. 's Hotels, viz, Janpath, Lodi and Ranjit;

(b) whether Government have received several representations against such proposal;

(c)' whether technical know-how available in the country is enough to cope with the development programme of hotel industry and the **I. T. D. C.** management is failing to tap these resources;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken to avoid further drainage of foreign exchange resources on such matters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (SMT. USHA SINGH): (a) No Sir. Government have not given their approval to ITDC for collaboration with any Foreign Hotel Company for the development of ITDC's hotels namely Janpath, Lodi and Ranjit.

(b) to (e) Question does not arise in view of reply to (a) above

Lack of basic Amenities at Railway Platforms in Rajasthan and Orissa

1039. SHRI RAMDAs AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) the number of railway platforms in Rajasthan and Orissa where basic amenities like electricity, water etc. have not been provided to passengers so far; and

(b) the. steps Government propose to take or have taken so far in these two States during the current financial year in this regard and the provision made/proposed in the **Eighth** Five Year Plan period?